

A History of the Grantham Seventh-day Adventist Church 1966-1969 'The Homeless Years'

Westgate Hall



Guildhall



Oxford Hall



The Stanborough Press

Foreword

This is the first draft of one chapter of a larger project to record a complete history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grantham.

This first publication is incomplete. You will spot errors and omissions. I welcome your feedback and input to add to and improve the record. It is my aspiration to try to build up a profile of past members and a photographic record where possible, if not for publication, at least for archives.

Here the years 1966-1969 are covered. The next step is to improve, add and amend this section; then to continue into the decades following. For this section I am indebted to a small group of people who have shared their memories with me: Mike Cowen, Maureen Hammond, Audrey Howard, John Kidd, Edna Philip, Janice Pickering, Esme and John Sutton, Karen Shelbourn, Wendy Walmsley and Margaret Warren. Their memories have been supported by documentary evidence from articles in the Grantham Journal and British Advent Messenger alongside Church Records kept by the Church Clerks from this period.

If you have records, memories, photos or contact addresses you are willing to share with me to enable the completion of this task, please leave your contact details at the church today or write to me at the church address: Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dudley Road, Grantham NG31 9AA.

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The Fire

On 3rd January 1964, Mr James George Willis made a discovery which was to change the lives of many. Arriving for work at the Stanborough Press on Stanborough Park, Garston in Hertfordshire, close to the printing hub of Watford, Mr Willis discovered the building ablaze. As the other Press workers arrived for worship at the start of the working day they were met with the sight of the Press building 'in the throes of a raging inferno'. (*Quote attributed to A C Vine in Messenger vol.119 17/18*)

The final outcome was devastation. The building was a ruin, with very few departments untouched by the fire. However, the main production areas survived enabling the work of the Press to continue in conditions which would not be allowed today and could not continue indefinitely then.

The decision was made to relocate rather than rebuild. And so the British Union's publishing house and printing press returned to its Lincolnshire roots (the first printing press had its inception in Southampton in 1884 but moved to Grimsby the same year) with a brand new build on Alma Park, Grantham. (*Messenger vol.71 no.22*)

The Move

Grantham was an ideal choice for relocation of a complete workforce of seventy, including some from Tyneside and Scotland. In the mid-1960s Grantham was undergoing major expansion and re-development. There was an extensive building programme being undertaken by the local Council of the day, as well as private building projects in Grantham and nearby Ancaster. In addition, the Alma Park Estate on the edge of the town bordering Belton Park, was being developed for industry. The area was occupied by a number of army buildings having been used in both WW1 and WW2 as an army training camp. Local residents were housed there by the Council while waiting for a Council house. By all accounts it was dire and certainly in need of re-development.

A site was found for the Stanborough Press on Londonthorpe Road, along with its own relic of the army site with the old Paymaster's Hut in situ, which was to be put to good use by the new incumbents (see Alma School, below). Building work began and the Press workers prepared for their own move, with their families, to Grantham. The Archers were one of the first to arrive in the Grantham area, as Dennis Archer, Production Manager, helped to set up the new Press factory.

One young lady recalls that they did not even know where Grantham was! However, they found their way, with most families moving to Grantham in July 1966 into houses allocated by the local Council. Flats in Aire Road and Werne Court were already built but behind them there was still farmland as then teenager, Karen Moore, remembers going to the farmhouse for provisions. In Welland Court there was a whole complex of Adventist families: the Moore's, Lindsay's, Gallagher's, Cannon's, Poddar's, Southey's, Cox's and more. Quite a few stayed with Elsie Phillips.

Even those planning to purchase a new property were first housed in Council houses while they waited for their new homes to be built. A number of young couples who could not afford a property in the Watford area, where a modest semi cost £4500, were able to purchase a home in Grantham at £1300 plus an extra £200 for heating and/or a detached property. They viewed the new properties on the Manthorpe Road Estate and in Ancaster but most found that the offer with Foster's was better and, of course, closer to the new Press site. Others moved from their initial Council house home to other Council properties as they were built over the next few years, such as the 'Flat Tops' off Dysart Road and Springfield Road.

The Sutton's remember moving the day after the Vine's and the removals men complained about the number of books and pianos 'you people have' exclaiming, "Not another piano!" Single young people, such as Wendy Wilmot, had to find someone to lodge with; Wendy stayed with Audrey and Joe Price who moved from Blackpool and Watford respectively. Wendy remembers that a lot of people came up together on the weekend of 3rd September for the Press opening (the official opening was 30th September). This was the first meeting with everyone together.

The First Few Months

Memories are a little vague as to where the new residents of Grantham worshipped on the first Sabbath in Grantham. Quite a few still travelled back to Watford each Sabbath, especially if they had family and loved ones there.

Various halls were used for worship, including the Guildhall, Westgate Hall, Oxford Hall and the Press Chapel. Certainly by November 5th 1966, the main meeting place was the Oxford Hall. The general consensus is that the Guildhall was used when the other places were not available. Two different rooms are remembered, one being the ballroom. There are memories of the clock bells

striking 12 o'clock during the service. The Westgate Hall was owned by the auctioneers W H Brown and could not be used for Sabbath worship once Brown's decided to hold Saturday auctions.

Before the church was officially organised, three recorded events took place: a baptism, a Harvest Festival and a Board meeting. The baptism was conducted by Pastor J Handysides at Lincoln SDA Church. The candidates were Mrs Elsie Dutton, Mr John Dutton and Mr Kishaw Poddar who were all associated with the Press and Mr Stuart George W Goddard who was one of the local believers worshipping with the Colsterworth house group prior to the arrival of the Press. The Harvest Festival was organised by the young people and at its first Board Meeting, the church congratulated them on a fine effort. The first recorded Board Meeting was on the 28th October 1966 so at some point prior to this date, the appointment of interim church officers must have been agreed. The first Board consisted of Pastor J Handysides, Mr H Cowen, Mr E Wallis, Mr and Mrs A Cannon, Mr K Lethbridge, Mrs D Kelly, Mrs G O'Connell, Mrs P Vine and Mrs E Burrows with apologies from Mr B Bell and Mr E Southey.

Organisation of the Grantham Seventh-day Adventist Church

On 5th November 1966 the Grantham Seventh-day Adventist Church was organised with 101 founder members on roll.

The day began with the usual morning church services in the Oxford Hall. This was the first Sabbath of the annual Week of Prayer so, as the custom was, the visiting preacher, Pastor K A Elias, President of the North British Conference, read and expanded on the Week of Prayer reading for his sermon, which was on the theme of loyalty to God. During the service, as recorded by the Press Relations Secretary, Mr A R Warren in his report to the Church on the day's events, Pastor Elias 'said how happy he was that another church was to be added to the North England Conference, and hoped all would be very happy in the town of Grantham.' (*Church Record Book 1 p.3*)

In the afternoon, the whole group moved to the Westgate Hall for the formal organisation of the Grantham Church. Pastor Elias was joined by the British Union President, Pastor J A McMillan who was to be the speaker for the afternoon. Then Pastor Elias read out the names of all who had asked to form the new Grantham Church, each being asked to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and their desire to uphold the principles of the Adventist Church. Those named included the Colsterworth company who had agreed to join with

the Press family to form this new church. Each member signed the Charter roll; one of the youngest members, Karen Moore, remembers how proud she felt at this moment, being asked to sign such a special document at such a young age, "It was very exciting," she remembers, " I had not done anything like that before – it felt significant." To complete the formalities of the day, a nominating committee was selected to choose the officers for the remainder of 1966 and 1967. These were voted by the congregation and then the elders and deacons were dedicated for service to their new church. Finally, a request was formally voted to request the North England Conference to accept Grantham Church as a new church at the next Conference Session to be held in 1967. The day was rounded off with celebrations in the form of a bonfire, fireworks and a 'lively' social at the Press site. A day to remember.

On 8th June 1967 Grantham Church was formally accepted at the North England Conference Session in Sheffield at which Pastor Handysides gave a report. It was noted that the new church included 46 members aged 14-30, therefore nearly half the membership was under the age of 30. Pastor K A Elias, NEC President, 'envisaged a virile, strong and forward looking church'. On Sabbath 10th June the newly formed Grantham Choir sang in both services at the Conference Session. (*Church Record Book 1 p.40*)

Places of Worship

For the next four years the Grantham Church was, in effect, homeless, continuing to meet in rented halls, people's homes and the Press Chapel.

The main place of worship until mid-1968 was the Oxford Hall. Memories of worshipping in the Oxford Hall are vivid and include all the senses. A dirty place... Smelling of gas and beer... Dreadful... Terrible... Walls ran with damp... Cigarette ends. The previous occupants did not clean up and so some of the members would get there as early as possible to clear away the beer glasses on the piano and sweep up the cigarette ends. The Hall was then transformed into as nice a meeting place as possible in such circumstances. There was always a desk up the front and flowers. In Sabbath School the SS Superintendent always had a big missions offering chart and added to that chart each week. It was not just figures but included additional visual aids, such as a boat travelling along to show you were reaching the goal. They were creative and imaginative. John Sutton remembers watching and waiting to see how long it would take for the charts to peel off the wall because of the damp! Esmé Sutton recalls, "Despite it being an obnoxious building, it was our church by the time all our bits and pieces

were in place.”

Cradle Roll Sabbath School was held in the Bell's front room or sometimes the Sutton's. There were quite a lot of little children around because quite a few couples had just had babies, either prior to the move or soon afterwards. Esme has a vivid memory of her young son, Colin, sat on Beryl's red settee with the offering basket going around while they sang 'Hear the Pennies Dropping' but he put his sixpence in his mouth instead of the basket. Wendy Wilmot recalls that the Junior children met in the Oxford Hall where Elsie Phillips took them and some of them were not too keen – probably because she was so strict!

Young People's meetings were agreed to take place on a Friday evening in the Press Chapel but Wendy remembers Squash Meetings in people's homes where they literally did all squash into one room, sitting on the floor. A comment in the Church Records in 1968 indicates that the change to meeting in homes was because of poor attendance at the Press Chapel during the winter months (*Church Record Book 1 p.108*). There were no street lights on the route to the Press out of the town at that time.

Part way through 1968 a Pathfinder group was formed. A weekend camp at Radcliffe was organised and the Master Guides opened up their homes for various activities such as cooking lessons and carpentry but regular meetings were run in the newly acquired Dudley House from September.

Prayer meetings took place mid-week in different people's homes too, in three areas of the district, Manthorpe Road Estate, Earlsfield Estate and Colsterworth, as most people did not have transport.

For special services, the Press Chapel was made available. The first communion service was held there in December 1966 on a Friday evening. A screen was used to separate and John Sutton can remember sitting on the front row in the Chapel as one of the two deacons who served the emblems.

The church tried to find other accommodation by enquiring of the possibility of renting a church hall for Sabbath services. One of the churches approached was the Broad Street Methodist Church but the Board decided it was too high a rent to consider. (*Church Record Book1 p.19*) Unfortunately, Pastor Newman, manager of the Press was not willing for the church to meet on a regular basis in the Press Chapel. It is thought he may have been concerned that if the church became too established there, it might halt the search for a permanent church site. The Press

management finally relented and in the summer of 1969, the Church moved their worship services to the Press Chapel for the next year. It was a very much nicer venue, though a long way to walk. People had to walk if they did not have cars because there were no buses up Londonthorpe Lane. Mr and Mrs Freeth, who were in their 70s, walked up to the church at the Press from the centre of Grantham, for example. It was even more of a difficulty for those living on the Earlsfield Estate as Alma Park Road did not exist then and everyone had to come via Belton Lane.

Music

As already noted, there was a piano to accompany worship in the Oxford Hall. However, in February 1967 Pastor Handysides and Dennis Archer were given permission to purchase a small harmonium in the region of £20 but in March it was suggested to look at a harmonium belonging to Mr Trenholm to see if it was suitable and to fit locks on it before taking it to the Oxford Hall. Whichever was the final choice, it was not left in the Oxford Hall but, as it was portable, brought each week by Dennis Archer. In the October 1968 Business Meeting it was recorded that the piano was in such a poor condition because of the gas heating. The portable organ was 'rather loud' for accompanying special items and Mr Meredith was asked to look into the possibility of finding out whether it could be toned down (*Church Record Book 1 p. 109*).

In March 1967, Vi Meredith asked permission to start a Choir. The choir soon gained a good reputation and had a special affinity with the Methodist circuit. The large choir was formed of young and old, male and female. Audrey Howard made all the dresses for the ladies of the choir. They also became a regular feature at wider church gatherings and in 1968 sang several items at a Day of Fellowship in Wolverhampton and again in Manchester.

Special Occasions and Social Activities

Over the first four years of existence, the Grantham Church experienced the usual mix of happy, sad and fun occasions.

The sad events were the deaths of Mr Arthur H Cannon in March 1967, Mr Stuart Goddard in the summer of 1967 and Mr John M Bates in March 1970. It was also sad to say goodbye to members relocating such as the Lethbridge's, Miss Koeck, Mrs Cannon, Jane Goddard, the Kelly's, Monica Vine, Pearl Walker, Geoffrey Mallinson, Mr J Price and Pastor and Mrs Newman to name a few.

The happy events were the dedication services for babies born, baptisms and weddings. Three dedications known of are those of Chris Sutton, Deborah Price and Beverley O'Connell but there may have been others not recorded. On 29th May 1967 at the Lincoln SDA Church, Pastor Handysides baptised Miss Gillian Baldry and the newly formed choir sang two pieces. Then in July 1968 Pastor Newman baptised his son Roy at the Lincoln Church. The weddings took place of Audrey Brown and Cyril Blackburn at Lincoln SDA Church, Vera Wilkie and Jack Lindsay at the Press Chapel and Monica Vine and Per de Lange at Finkin Street Methodist Church in Grantham.

The main social event of the Grantham Church calendar was the annual Christmas Social with the Stanborough Press. At the first one in 1966, the Grantham Church School children presented items along with items from church members and Press staff. There was a session of community singing and various games. A cake was donated by the Burrow's which was 'won' by Mr Brown who later auctioned it with all proceeds going to the Church Building Fund. Reportedly this annual event was always enjoyable and one which nearly everyone attended. In 1967 it was entirely organised by the men of the church. The Church Clerk reported that 'many hidden talents were brought to light' and that it was 'a happy and memorable evening'. (*Church Record Book 1 p.56*)

In June 1967 a church outing took place to Alton Towers, Derbyshire. It is recorded in the church records that this outing 'was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned'. (*Church Record Book 1 p.41*) The following year, an outing was arranged to Mablethorpe.

A more regular social activity was for ladies only, the Homemakers' Fellowship, initially led by Margaret Warren and then by Esme Sutton. The group met in each other's homes, sometimes with special speakers such as from the Arthritis Society and Mr Pickles the optician, sometimes visits such as to the Telephone Exchange and sometimes more fun activities such as a wig party and a lingerie party. Perhaps it was the latter which caused some concern with the Press manager who sent his wife along to find out what was 'going on'; "they thought we had become very wayward", remembers Esme. Fears must have been soothed because the group continued and was considered a great help to ease loneliness in a new town with many of the young wives at home with babies, longing for adult company. Those who attended recollect that the togetherness was wonderful and they all really enjoyed those times together.

During this period, social events were often fundraising events for the Church Building Fund with events such as an oratorical contest, exhibition of pictures and paintings, sales of work and concerts planned.

Church and Community

Harvest Festivals have taken place every year since 1966. For the first four years these were organised by the Young People's Department and took place at the Press Chapel. In 1969, Mr Wales, the NSPCC Inspector, conveyed his thanks to the young people for their distribution of the Harvest Festival produce to needy families in the community (*Church Record Book 2 10.10.69*).

On Friday 16th December the first Grantham Toy Service was held at the Press Chapel. It was held in aid of the NSPCC and attended by Mr Cornish, the regional organiser and Inspector Wales, his assistant, who accepted the 200 toys to distribute. The Toy Service continued until 2015 when it changed to a Gift Giving Service for specific focus groups.

The community work of the fledgling church was commended by the Mayor of Grantham, Councillor J R Cook, on opening a Christmas Fair held on November 14th 1967 at the Guildhall, organised by Mrs Vine and her associates to raise funds for the building of a new church and school. The Grantham Journal article at the time states that he 'mentioned that although they were newcomers to the community they were establishing themselves in the town. He said they had already associated themselves with the work of the NSPCC in their service for under-privileged children, and with efforts on behalf of local old people. Added Coun. Cook, "I am sure when you have fully established yourselves in Grantham this will not be the end of your social and welfare work..."'

The Christmas Fair was quite an event with songs and choral speaking items presented by the children of Alma School, special displays of African artefacts belonging to the Meredith's and a model railway display by the local Railway Club. Then there were a variety of stalls, many of which had hand-crafted items for sale. The sale raised nearly £200, which was a princely sum at that time. As this had proved so popular and successful, it was repeated the following year. Once again the Mayor and the Railway Club took part.

Mrs Newman, Temperance Secretary, made plans for health education programmes to be run in Grantham with the assistance of a local GP. In December 1968 a concert was held in the Press Chapel to which a group of

people with disabilities were invited for an evening outing. In the 1969 Business Meeting it was noted that the Welfare Department of the church were involved in Meals on Wheels and the distribution of blankets to members of the community. They also helped rehabilitate several people in conjunction with the hospital social service, several of the men getting involved in this work. The local hospital almoner, Miss Deutch, spoke favourably of the good support given (*Church Record Book 2 10.10.69*).

The School

One of the main concerns for parents on moving to Grantham was where their children would go to school. There was a determination to start a church school from the start. With the arrival of the Meredith's, returning from missionary service in Africa, the dream became a possibility. Permission was granted to use the historic Paymaster's Hut, a relic of the two World Wars when Alma Park was an army camp, adjacent to the new Stanborough Press building. Work began to prepare the building to make it fit for a classroom. The new school opened with 13 pupils and one teacher, Mrs Violette Meredith. The school soon became known as Alma School and its reputation grew rapidly in the community through its choral singing and speaking. In 1968 a new name was agreed for when the new school on the Dudley Road site opened – it would be Dudley House School, named after the house which once stood on the site.

Dealing with Prejudice

Before the Press workers moved to Grantham, a front page spread appeared in the Grantham Journal about this group of people who were coming to Grantham. The local Canon G R Sansbury was quoted, having been very negative in his parish magazine, warning parishioners not to mix with the Adventists.

The local Council of Churches demonstrated a mixed response to the Adventist presence and through ignorance some were suspicious of Adventists. However, even before the official organisation of the church, the local Council of Churches approached the church to ask for their assistance in raising funds for World Refugee Week. The church were happy to give a donation from church funds and to also take up a special offering for this cause. Each year the church was designated an area for charity collections: the Manthorpe Estate for collecting for the National Children's Home and Earlsfield Estate for the Christian Aid collection. The church's collection for the church's charity of World Wide Advent Missions also took place annually.

The church took the decision to attend Council of Churches meetings as observers only and five members attended the AGM in 1966; representatives also attended a Religion in Schools meeting at Finkin Street Methodist Church in 1968, believing that personal contacts with these two groups helped develop good relations in the district.

At the ceremony to officially open and dedicate The Stanborough Press on 30th September 1966 a warm welcome was given by the Mayor of Grantham, Councillor M Ogden who stated his belief that Adventists would help to raise the standards and quality of life in the community.

In response to the negative press in the beginning, Pastor V H Cooper, Public Relations Secretary for the British Union Conference asked the question, 'How shall we react?' He continued: 'We must live our faith, pay our bills, deal honestly with our creditors, live uprightly, and be unashamed as Christians and as Seventh-day Adventists. The 25,000 people who live in this ancient town on the Great North Road will soon discover for themselves over the garden fences, and in the shops and offices, the depth of our Christianity, the genuineness of our convictions and the sincerity of our beliefs.' (*Messenger vol.71 no.22*)

Less than four years later, the Church Clerk was able to report that prejudice was indeed being broken down through the activities of the School, the Welfare Department and the Homemakers' Fellowship as they made friends for the church, alongside good reporting in the Grantham Journal by the P.R. Secretary promoting a positive image of the church and its members.

A New Chapter

Even before the Press moved to Grantham, the search for a church site had begun. Eventually a sale was agreed for Dudley House on Dudley Road and the keys were handed over in the spring of 1968. In September of the same year, Pastor Handysides was moved to the Sheffield district and a new pastor arrived in Grantham, Pastor Philip Anderson. His role was to take the church through to the next phase of its history. In August 1969 the demolition of Dudley House took place and building work on a new church and school began, to be completed by the summer of 1970. The new church and school were dedicated 14th November 1970 to start a new chapter in the life of Grantham Seventh-day Adventist Church.

To be continued....

List of members transferred to the newly organised Grantham Church on 5th November 1966

Mr Dennis Archer (dec.): Production Manager and later Manager of The Stanborough Press;

Mrs Gwen Archer: Worked for Lincolnshire County Council Education Department;

Mr Gerald Baldry (dec.): Composer; Mrs Kathleen Baldry (dec.): A&E Nurse;

Mr Edwin Barradine: Photographics;

Mr Barrie Bell: Composer and later Proof reader;

Mrs Beryl Bell: Bindery and later Accounts;

Mr Cyril Blackburn (dec.): Handyman, Bindery;

Mrs I Blackburn (dec.);

Mrs Brown (dec.): local member of Colsterworth group;

Miss Audrey Brown: local member of Colsterworth group and teacher at DHS;

Mr Allan J Burrows (dec.): local building developer, Colsterworth group met in his home; Mrs Evelyn E Burrows;

Mr Arthur H Cannon (dec): Composer; Mrs Ivy M Cannon (dec): Office worker;

Mrs Gladys Clarke: Office worker;

Mr Roger Clarke: Dentist;

Mr C M Hubert Cowen (dec.): Artist/Art Director;

Mrs Jesse Cowen (dec.): Illustrator;

Mr Michael Cowen: Photographic (B&W);

Mr Robin Cowen: Colporteur;

Mr Graham Cox: Apprentice printer;

Mrs Lily Cox (dec.);

Mr Alfred E Dutton: Press Room Foreman; Mrs Elsie Dutton;

Mr John Dutton: Composer;

Mrs Cawthorne: Bindery;

Mr Stuart George W Goddard (dec.): local member of Colsterworth Group;

Mrs Constance Goddard: local member of Colsterworth Group;

Mr Roger Gallaher: Artist; Mrs Jennifer Gallaher: Receptionist;

Mr Paul Hammond: Bindery rising to Press Manager;

Mrs Maureen Hammond: Secretary;

Miss Alice Hartland: Editorial Dept., Children's Spot in 'Our Times';

Mr Peter Howard: Press Dept. and later Maintenance;

Mrs Audrey Howard: Bindery;

Mr Gerhard Herbst (dec.): Gardener; Mrs Joan Herbst (dec.);

Mr John Herbst (dec.): Worked for Foster's the builders;

Miss Laura Herbst: Editorial Dept., wrote in 'Family Life';

Mr Allen Hush: Handyman; Mrs Audrey Hush: Bindery;
Mrs Emily Jones (dec.);
Mr F Koeck; Mrs Koeck; Miss Doris Koeck (dec.); Secretary and Accounts
Mr David Kelly: Pressman; Mrs Kathleen Kelly;
Mr Allan Kidd: Pressman; Mrs G Kidd: Bindery;
Mr Donald Lale: Platemaker, later teacher at St Hugh's;
Mrs Anne Lale: Teacher at Corby Glen;
Mr Keith Lethbridge: Treasury; Mrs Betty Lethbridge: Bindery;
Mr Gordon Lethbridge: Pupil at Carr's Grammar;
Mr Jack Lindsay: Bindery;
Mrs Joan Moore: Invoice clerk;
Miss Karen Moore: Nurse training;
Pastor Donald P McClure (dec.): Assistant Editor; Mrs Isabel McClure;
Mr Geoffrey Mallinson: Pressman;
Mr Glyn Meredith: Bindery then Compositor;
Mrs Violette Meredith: Headteacher of Alma School;
Pastor Walter J Newman (dec.): Manager of The Stanborough Press;
Mrs Newman (dec: Bindery);
Mrs Nicholson: Cook;
Mr Graham Nicholson: Compositor;
Mr Brian O'Connell; Mrs Gillian O'Connell: R D Vine's secretary;
Mr H Pain: Chiroprapist and local member of Colsterworth Group; Mrs J Pain;
Mr P H Poddar (dec.): Compositor;
Mrs S Poddar (dec.): Bindery;
Mr Urhpal Poddar: Bindery and later Production Manager;
Mr Kishaw Poddar: Student
Mr David C Pearce (dec.): Bindery; Mrs Edna Pearce (dec.): Bindery;
Miss Elsie Phillips (dec.): Bindery;
Mr Joseph Price (dec.): Bindery plus maintenance;
Mr Alf Reeve: Bundle waste paper and cleaner;
Miss Pearl Rich: Office worker;
Mr Roger C Rose: Pressman – Heidelberg;
Mr Eric Southey (dec.): Publishing/Sales;
Mrs Joan Southey (dec.): Secretary to Dennis Archer;
Mr John L Sutton: Compositor; Mrs Esme Sutton: Relief teacher at Alma School;
Mr William Trenholm: Maintenance; Mrs Trenholm;
Mr Ian Thompson: Printer;
Pastor Ray D Vine (dec.): Editor; Mrs M Peggy Vine (dec.);
Miss Monica Vine: Student at KGGS;
Mr Edward Wallis (dec.): Compositor Foreman; Mrs Wallis (dec.);

Mr Graham Wallis;
Mr A Roy Warren (dec.): Pressman; Mrs Margaret Warren: Nurse;
Mr Samuel Weston (dec.): Retiree; Mrs Alice Weston (dec.);
Miss Pam Weston: Proof reader and 'Aunty Pam';
Mr Mervyn Whiting: Head of Photographics and Platemaker;
Mrs Iris Whiting (dec.): Office worker;
Miss Vera Wilkie: Bindery;
Mr James George Willis (dec.): Guillotine operator in Bindery;
Mrs Gwyneth Willis: Wages Clerk (possibly);
Miss Wendy Wilmot: Bindery;

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Miss Morna Livingstone: Bindery;
Mrs Nigella Cowen: Nurse in Obstetrics;
Miss Gillian Baldry;
Mr and Mrs John M Bates (dec.): Retirees;
Mr and Mrs W Harrison: Retirees;

1968

Miss D Hole: Office/Sales/Subscriptions;
Mr T P Miller: Treasury; Mrs V Miller;
Miss Edna Philip: Bindery;
Mrs G Hankin;
Mr Barry Mallinson: Pressman; Mrs Susan Mallinson (dec.): Secretary at the Barracks and DHS;
Mr Roy Newman;
Miss Susan Beavers;
Mr Edward Johnson (dec.): Manager of Life and Health Foods, later ABC Manager at Press; Mrs E Johnson: Bindery then Sales;

1969

Mr Norman Tew: Finance; Mrs N Tew;
Pastor and Mrs C T Bannister: Retirees;
Mrs Joan Coombs;
Miss A Cotterill and Miss F Cotterill;
Miss Sheila Grosvenor (dec.): Shopworker at Life and Health Foods;
Mr and Mrs R A Freeth: Retirees.